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### ***Seminar on 'Standards and Electricity access in Sub-Saharan Africa'***

On 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and Indian Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers Association (IEEMA) jointly organized a one day seminar on 'Standards and Electricity access in Sub-Saharan Africa'. In Sub-Saharan Africa the electrification is currently just 43%, Millions of people still live without electricity. Only 68% of urban area and 14% of rural areas are electrified which is significantly lower than any other region of the world. The region contains nearly half of the un-electrified household in the world.



The Objective of the Seminar was to discuss off-Grid solution offered by Indian Companies, relevant BIS Standards etc. The seminar saw detailed deliberation in following sessions

- Off-Grid solutions offered by Indian companies
- Discussion about relevant BIS product & testing standard
- Presentation by ISA on its initiative
- Interactive session with Representatives of Sub Saharan African Countries

Ms. Surina Rajan, IAS Director General, BIS, Mr. Harish Agarwal President, IEEMA, Mr. R.K Chugh, Vice President IEEMA graced the inaugural session and were present for entire session.

The Seminar had more than 60 participants from Industry representatives, Representatives from Bureau of Indian Standards and High commissioner/Head of the mission from Algeria, Ethiopia, Togo and Gambia.

### ***CAPACIT 2019- 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Capacitors***



9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Capacitors – CAPACIT 2019 was held on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Hotel The Lalit, New Delhi, The conference was a success and well attended by 250+ delegates from Industry, Utilities and other stakeholders. The Conference was inaugurated by Dr. A.K.Verma, JS Distribution, Ministry of Power. The conference was designed with the theme "Reactive Power and beyond" and achieved the same by having discussions on Power Quality, Electrical vehicles, IOT and remote monitoring etc.

***Meeting with Dr. Rahangdale, Chief Fire Officer, (CFO) Mumbai Fire Brigade***

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, IEEMA delegation of 5 members of Elevators & Escalators division met Dr. Rahangdale, Chief Fire Officer, (CFO) Mumbai Fire Brigade to discuss about the representation made regarding provision of fire evacuation lift in buildings taller than 70 meters. IEEMA delegation had a detailed discussion with the entire technical & operational team of CFO. Dr. Rahangdale while accepting most of the



suggestions, decided to form a committee of experts from his office and IEEMA to finalise revised guidelines. It was decided to standardize these guidelines across all cities/areas in Maharashtra.

***Meeting with Mr. Rajneesh, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Government of India***

On 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Mr. Sunil Misra, Director General and Mr. Sudeep Sarkar, Director, called on Mr. Rajneesh, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Government of India, on MAI Scheme of the Government of India and also to apprise him of IEEMA RBSM.

***Policy Advocacy***

**Proposed MIP on Steel and Steel Related Products**

On 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019, a meeting was chaired by Mr. Chaudhary Birender Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Steel, Government of India, to discuss Minimum Imports Price on Steel and Steel Products, as proposed by the Steel Authority of India Limited.

IEEMA submitted a representation to the Government of India, opposing such a move, which would prove to be detrimental for the survival of Downstream Domestic Electrical Equipment Industry, leading to their non-competitiveness and closure of units. [Read More](#)